

JMPR SCOPING COMMENTS

Exotic Species:

- Non-native invasive species can cause displacement of native species and adverse ecosystem change. (All)
- Concerned about invasive and introduced species – the Sanctuary should educate the public about how to dispose of seaweed used to pack bait and species in bilge water. (All)
- Sanctuaries should be more active in the prevention of the proliferation of non-native invasive species. (All)
- Perform an assessment of introduction pathways for non-native invasives in the Sanctuary. (MB)
- Develop prevention and contingency plans and work with aquariums, marine labs, and mariculture operations to filter water before disposal. (MB)
- Update Water Quality Protection Program to include invasives. (MB)
- Support outreach programs for boaters regarding hull cleaning and boat washing. (MB)
- Create policy on discharges and invasives associated with cruise ships. (MB)
- Develop alternative ways of eliminating the transmittal of invasive species through ships' ballast water, such as sterilization, or other more sophisticated means. Consider working through EPA and State Water Resources Control Board to address the issue. (All)